

# Transportation Planning

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# Overview of planning processes

- Federal/state funded projects
- County funded projects

# Identified and prioritized by the Florida – Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)



Board of local elected officials required by federal regulation in urbanized areas with a core of 50,000 population at a density of 1,000 persons per square mile

#### **FL-AL TPO Membership:**

- **5 Escambia County FL Commissioners**
- **5 Santa Rosa County Commissioners**
- 5 City of Pensacola Councilmen
- 1 City of Milton Councilman
- 1 City of Gulf Breeze Councilman
- 1 Baldwin County AL Commissioner

#### **Advisory Committees to TPO:**

Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)
Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Transportation Disadvantaged Local Board (TD Board)

#### How projects are identified

TPO develops a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) with a 20-year horizon updated every 5 years

LRTP has a Needs Plan and a Cost Feasible Plan

LRTP also includes projects funded by alternative revenues such as local government revenues, transportation authority revenues, and private sources

LRTP can be found at http://www.wfrpc.dst.fl.us/fatpo/2025update/

# How projects are funded



TPO submits a prioritized list of Cost Feasible Plan projects to be funded with federal/state revenues to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 3 each year by October 1<sup>st</sup>

FDOT District 3 programs projects in its Five Year Work Program and each year the state legislature and governor authorize the first year of the work program for funding

By July 1<sup>st</sup>, the TPO adopts its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) based on the approved FDOT Five Year Work Program

## Regional Transportation Planning Organizations Encouraged/Established by the State

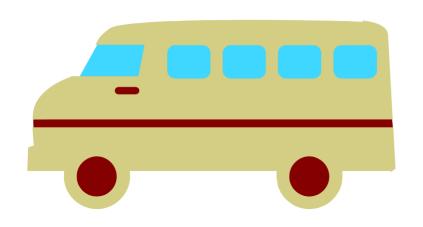
Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Planning Organization (Regional TPO)

Four county area: Escambia to Walton

Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority (aka US 98 Corridor Authority)

Eight county area: Escambia to Wakulla

## **Public Transportation**



**Community Transportation** 

**Commuter Services** 

Transit feasibility study soon to be underway

# **Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects**



**Several programs** 

Needs are great

**Competition is stiff** 

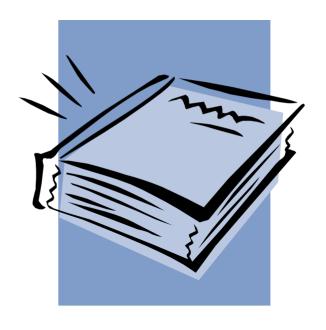
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Blue lines indicate allocation of federal and state funds through 2020 for adding lanes

Note: All phases may not be funded

#### **Plans**

Better Santa Rosa
South End Tomorrow
Navarre Town Center
Bagdad Vision
Pace Area
10-Year Transportation
County Comprehensive Plan



#### Sources of Revenue



**Assessments** 

50% Electric Franchise Fees

**Impact Fees** 

**Grant Revenues** 

#### **Assessments**

Paid with property taxes

Municipal services benefit unit (MSBU)

Municipal services tax unit (MSTU)

#### **Electric Franchise Fee**

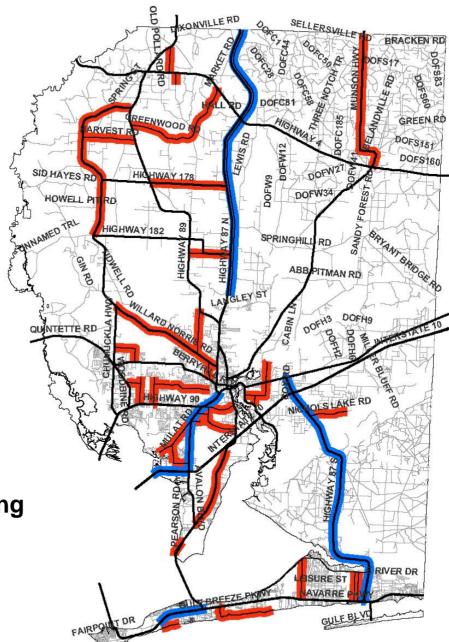
Collected from electric power bills

Fifty percent goes to road and drainage work

Provides matching funds for federal/state funded projects that require local match

Examples: turn lanes, other improvements Executed through planning agreements with FDOT

**BOCC** approves expenditure



Red lines indicate maintenance/safety improvements in addition to resurfacing through Sept 2015

# **Impact Fees**

Collected from new development

Must be spent in area collected (see map)

**Dedicated to transportation improvements** 

**BOCC** approves expenditure

#### **Grant Revenues**

**Federal Discretionary Grant Programs** 

**Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)** 

**County Incentive Grant Program** 

**Small County Outreach Program** 

**Transportation Enhancement Program** 

Safe Ways to School Program

State Office of Greenways and Trails

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